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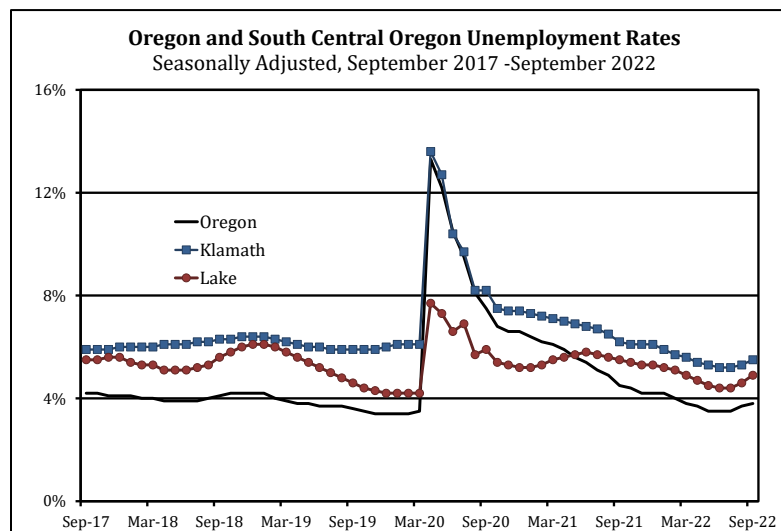
## Employment in South Central Oregon: October 2022

Hiring patterns in October were largely consistent with seasonal norms for the month in both Klamath and Lake counties. Unemployment levels ticked up in both counties.

**Klamath County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.7% in October, up from a revised 5.5% in September. The unemployment rate is similar to levels from before the first impacts of COVID-19 when it was 5.8% in February 2020.

Klamath County added 10 jobs in October, less gains than are typical this time of year. Employment levels in Klamath County remain down 0.6% (-150 jobs) from levels in February 2020 before the onset of the pandemic.

Klamath County added 570 jobs in the past year (+2.5%). Job gains continue to be widespread with notable gains over the past year in private education and health services (+210 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+130 jobs); construction (+110); and in the public sector, local government education (+90). Total nonfarm employment growth was moderated by losses in federal government (-70) and professional and business services (-90 jobs).



**Lake County:** The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.2% in October, up from its revised rate of 4.9% in September. The rate was 3.8% in February 2020, before the impacts of COVID-19 were first felt.

Lake County added 10 jobs in October, slightly larger gains than are typical this time of year. As of October 2022, total nonfarm employment levels remain down around 120 jobs (-5.0%) from levels before the onset of the pandemic in February 2020.

Lake County's total nonfarm employment is down by 40 jobs (-1.7%) from last year. The only notable gains were in leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, retail trade; and education and health services which each

increased 10 jobs. The notable job losses were a decrease of 20 jobs in local government and 20 jobs in federal government.

**Next Press Releases**

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the November county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Dec. 20 and the statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for October on Wednesday, Dec. 14.



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## Klamath County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

	--Change From--				
	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	30,460	30,503	29,796	-43	664
Unemployed	1,715	1,632	1,434	83	281
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.4%	4.8%	0.2	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.7%	5.5%	6.1%	0.2	-0.4
Employed	28,745	28,871	28,362	-126	383
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	23,400	23,390	22,830	10	570
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	23,060	23,120	22,490	-60	570
Total private	18,320	18,420	17,800	-100	520
Mining, logging, and construction	1,290	1,290	1,160	0	130
Mining and logging	140	140	120	0	20
Construction	1,150	1,150	1,040	0	110
Manufacturing	1,810	1,820	1,790	-10	20
Durable goods	1,610	1,620	1,600	-10	10
Wood product manufacturing	1,290	1,300	1,270	-10	20
Nondurable goods	200	200	190	0	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	4,710	4,700	4,600	10	110
Wholesale trade	770	770	750	0	20
Retail trade	3,220	3,220	3,170	0	50
Food and beverage stores	640	640	610	0	30
General merchandise stores	880	860	900	20	-20
Transportation, warehousing, and utilities	720	710	680	10	40
Information	110	120	110	-10	0
Financial activities	910	920	900	-10	10
Professional and business services	1,580	1,580	1,670	0	-90
Education and health services	4,360	4,340	4,150	20	210
Leisure and hospitality	2,660	2,750	2,530	-90	130
Other services	890	900	890	-10	0
Government	5,080	4,970	5,030	110	50
Federal government	700	750	770	-50	-70
State government	530	550	510	-20	20
Local government	3,850	3,670	3,750	180	100
Local education	2,360	2,180	2,270	180	90

The most recent month is preliminary, the prior month is revised. Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force.

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Data are by place of work and cover full- and part-time employees who worked or received pay for the pay period that includes the 12th of the month. The data exclude the self-employed, volunteers, unpaid family workers, and domestics.



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## Lake County Current Labor Force and Industry Employment

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	October 2022	September 2022	October 2021	September 2022	October 2021
<b>Labor Force Status</b>					
Civilian labor force	3,659	3,715	3,659	-56	0
Unemployed	180	165	149	15	31
Unemployment rate	4.9%	4.4%	4.1%	0.5	0.8
<i>Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)</i>	5.2%	4.9%	5.4%	0.3	-0.2
Employed	3,479	3,550	3,510	-71	-31
<b>Nonfarm Payroll Employment</b>					
Total nonfarm employment	2,320	2,310	2,360	10	-40
<i>Total nonfarm employment (seasonally adjusted)</i>	2,270	2,250	2,310	20	-40
Total private	1,180	1,190	1,190	-10	-10
Mining, logging, and construction	110	110	120	0	-10
Mining and logging	20	20	20	0	0
Construction	90	90	100	0	-10
Manufacturing	220	210	210	10	10
Trade, transportation, and utilities	340	340	340	0	0
Retail trade	260	260	250	0	10
Information	20	20	20	0	0
Financial activities	40	40	50	0	-10
Professional and business services	70	70	90	0	-20
Education and health services	120	120	110	0	10
Leisure and hospitality	190	200	180	-10	10
Other services	70	80	70	-10	0
Government	1,140	1,120	1,170	20	-30
Federal government	220	230	240	-10	-20
State government	170	180	160	-10	10
Local government	750	710	770	40	-20

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The Oregon Employment Department and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) work cooperatively to develop and publish monthly payroll employment and labor force data for Oregon's metropolitan areas and counties. The estimates of monthly job gains and losses are based on a survey of businesses. The estimates of unemployment are based on a survey of households and other sources.

The Oregon Employment Department payroll employment estimates are revised quarterly using information from unemployment insurance tax records. All department publications use data from this *official Oregon series* unless noted.

The department also makes the BLS-produced nonfarm payroll employment series for metropolitan areas available. These are revised annually by BLS.

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